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1. Wismut A.G. has until the present time been the sole agency responsible for mining uranium ore in Eastern Germany. In the near future, however, Wismut will give up a number of shafts to a new nationalized organization which will belong to the states of Thuringia and Saxony. Shafts in the following vicinities will be transferred to the DDR: Dietrichshütte, Sealfeld, Gräfenthal, and Schneeberg. It is believed that the ore mined by this organization will remain in Eastern Germany and will not be shipped to Russia.
2. A plant for the processing of uranium ore* is being erected near Gräfenroda, and it is believed that it will be placed under the jurisdiction of the new trust. Heretofore there have been no plants in Thuringia for the processing of the ore.
3. The Wismut A.G. headquarters for all of Thuringia have now been moved from Sealfeld to Ilmenau. The former Russian chief, Mikhail Mitrofanovich Maltsev, was replaced in January 1951** by one Major Beruchin (fnu), a physicist by 50X1-HUM profession.
4. Beruchin is assisted by the following two Germans: Faust, (fnu) and Werner Link. Link will probably be transferred to the new German mining trust.

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Comment :

Maltsev had returned to Russia about

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